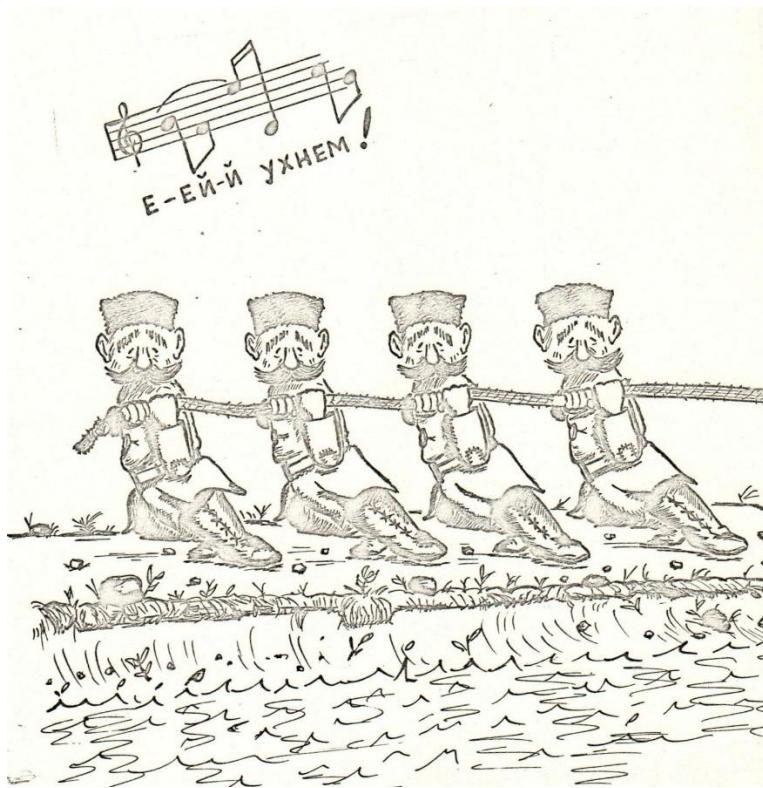


## HISTORIC CARTOON June 22



In the early days of NSA, some summary reports were accompanied by a cartoon of “Little Joe.” The cartoon figure got his nickname because of his resemblance to Joseph Stalin, the dictator in the Soviet Union. It is not clear today why they included these cartoons, and then why they stopped.

Today’s cartoon shows Little Joe as part of the Soviet riverine navy. The musical notation is referring to “The

Song of the Volga Boatmen,” which was familiar to many Americans in the 1950s. It had been a popular Big Band number during World War II, when the Soviets were our allies.

502 Caption: Four men, all miniature Stalins, tugging on a rope in lockstep along a riverside path. A musical staff has Cyrillic letters, presumably for “Yo, Heave-ho”